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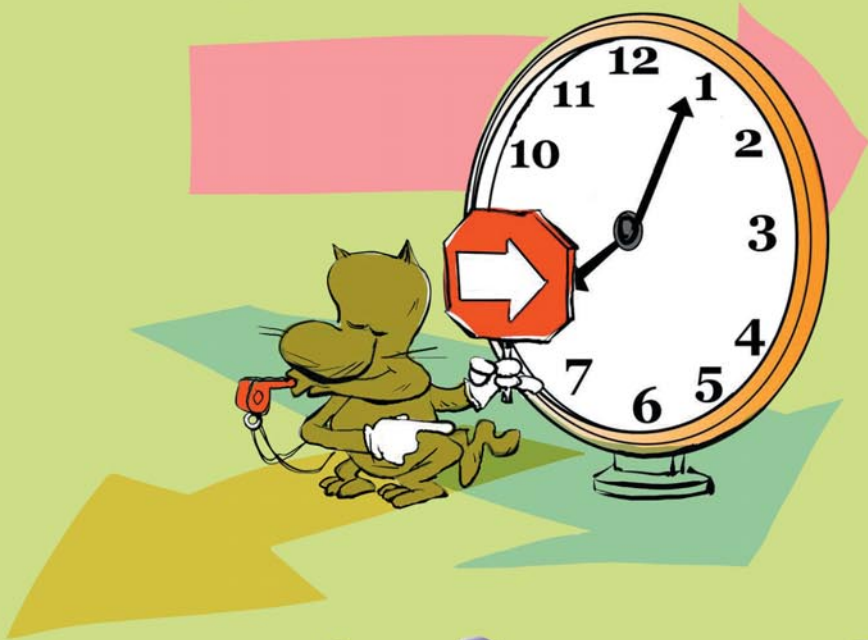


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What Is a Preposition?



To Patrick, Clare, Fiona, and Luke,
who are **BEYOND** good. —B.P.C.

To the indomitable Spot
—B.G.



Preposition: A
word that
connects a noun
or pronoun to
other words in a
sentence.



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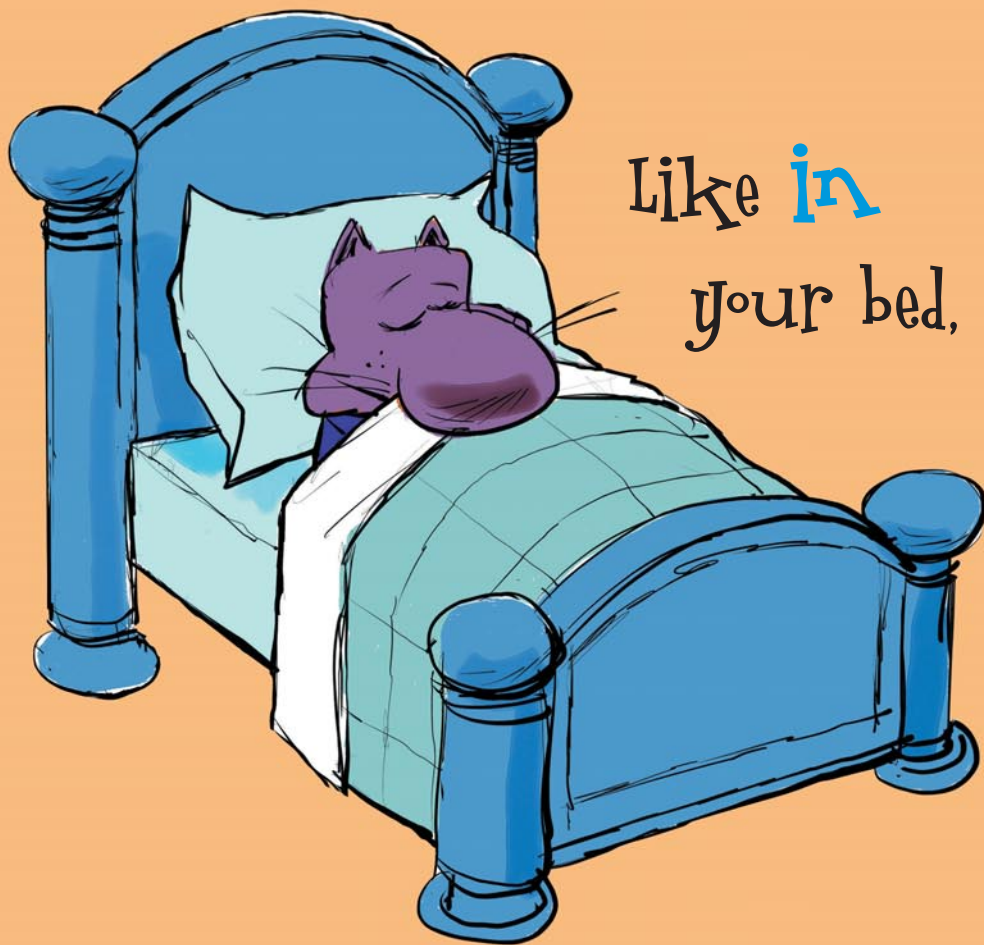
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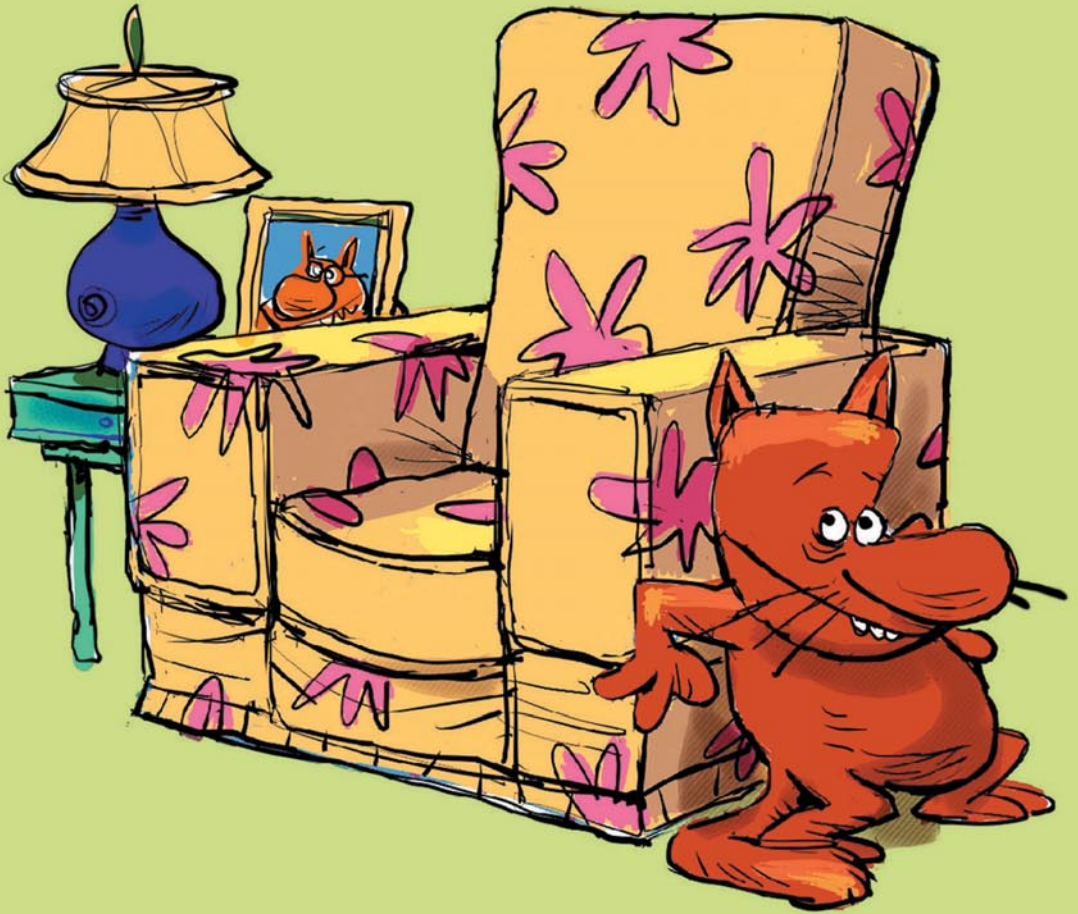
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show us where,

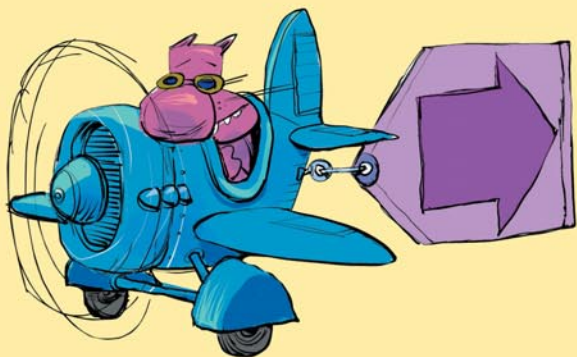


Like **in**
your bed,

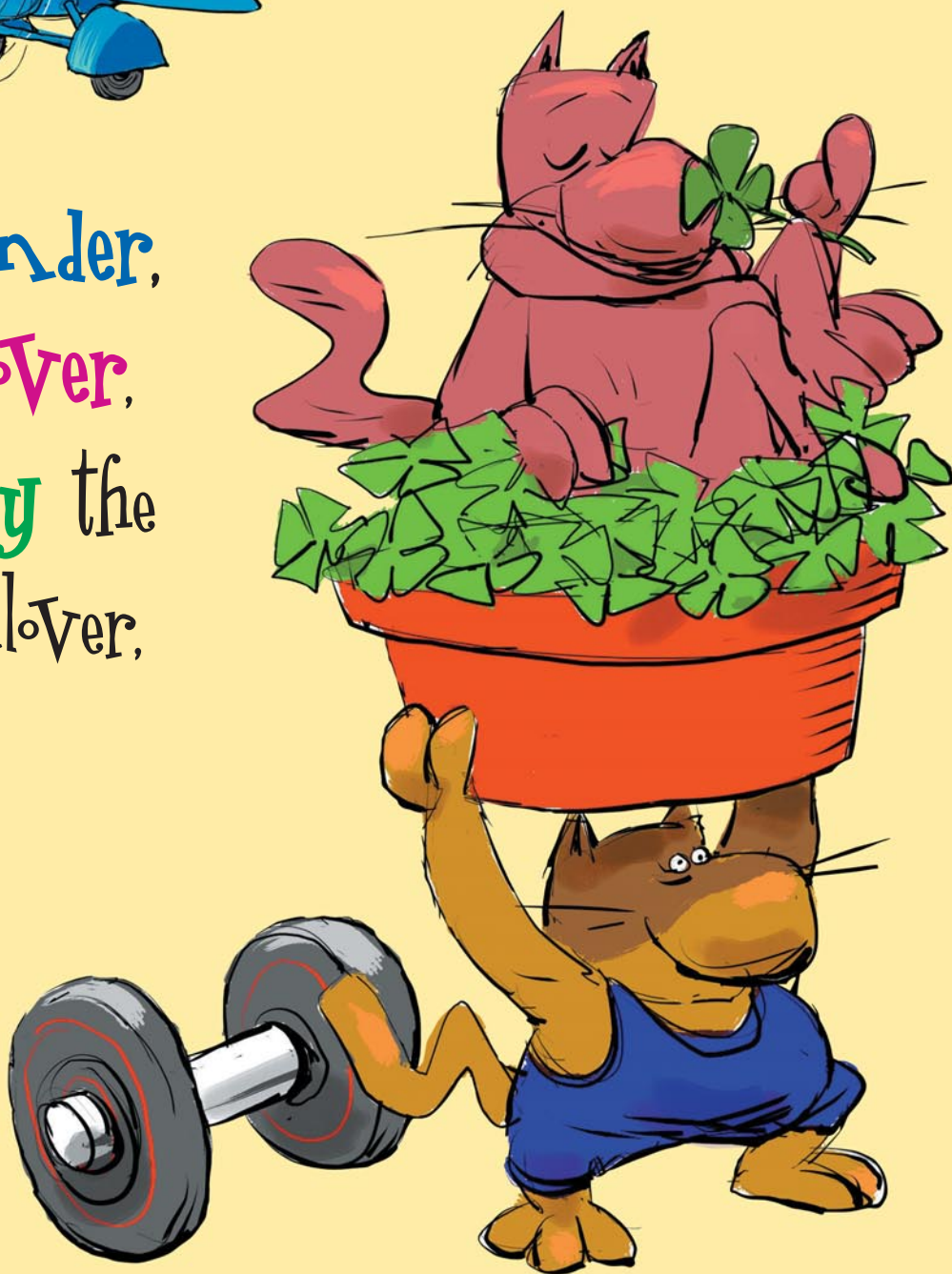


beside the chair—





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over,
by the
clover,

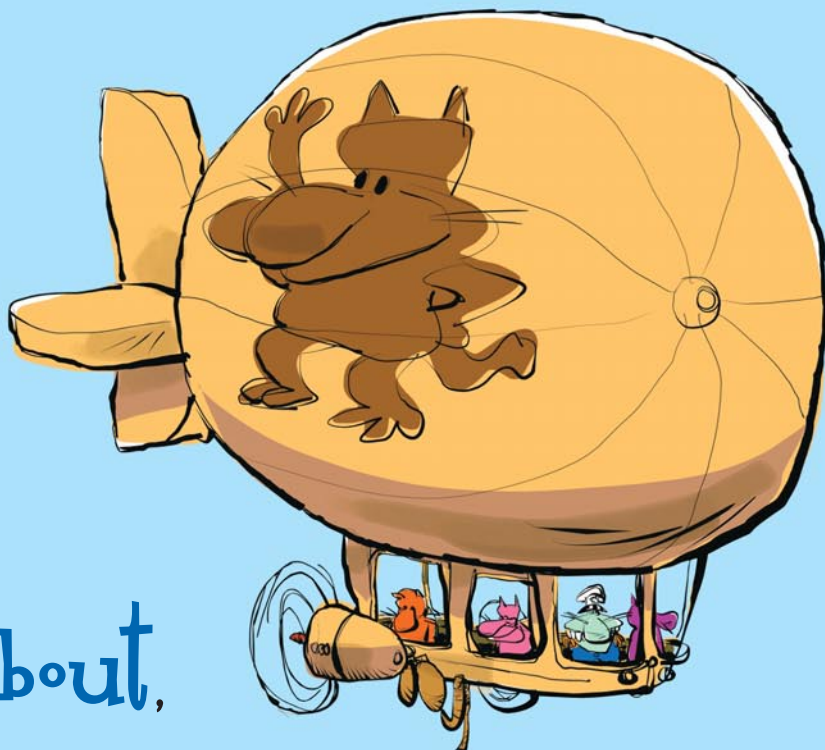


About,

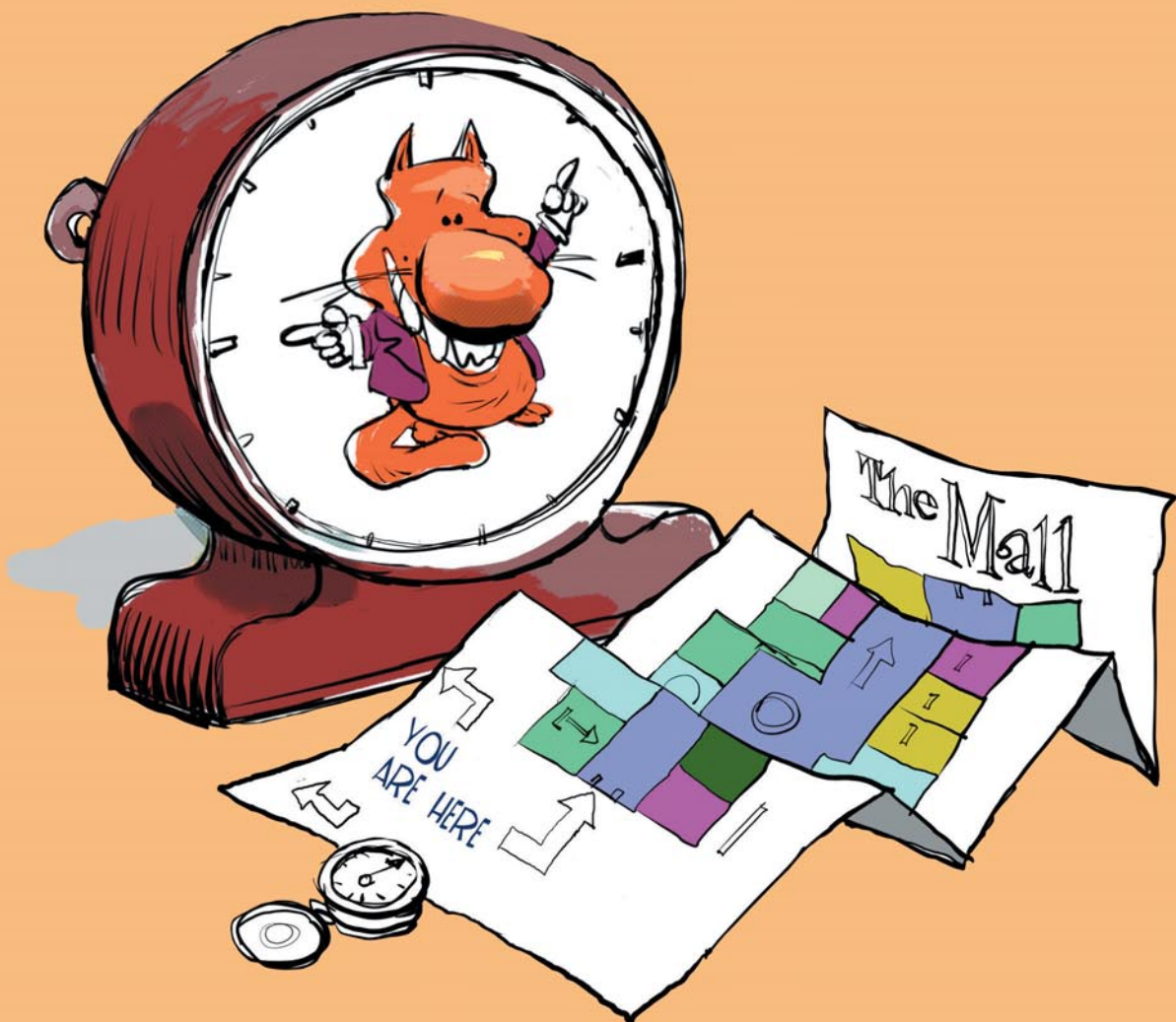
above,

or next to

Rover.



They tell us
time and also place,

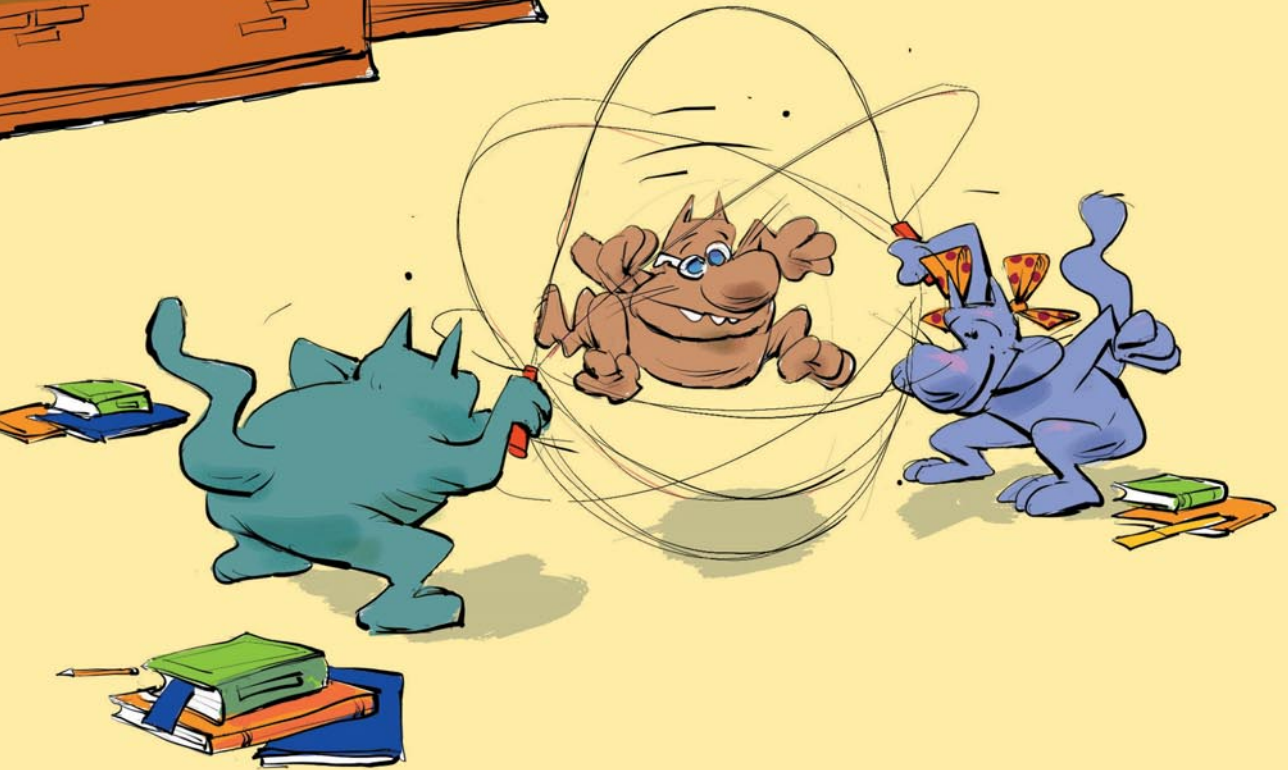


Like *past* 9:30,
in your face.



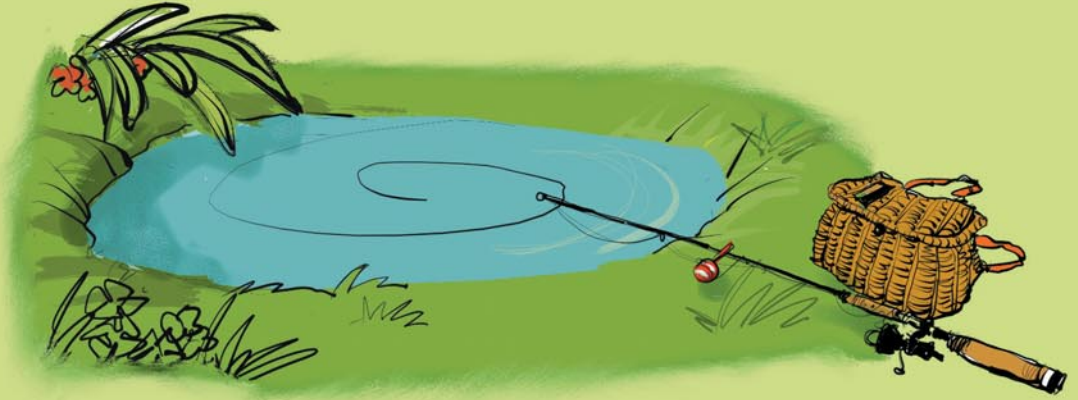


During recess

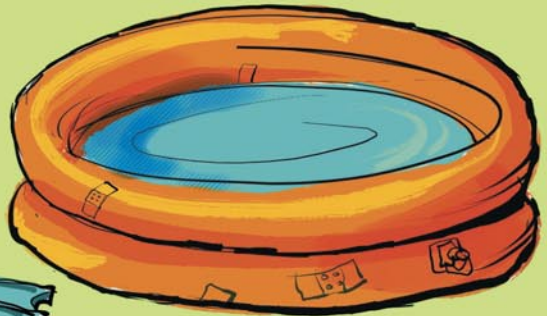
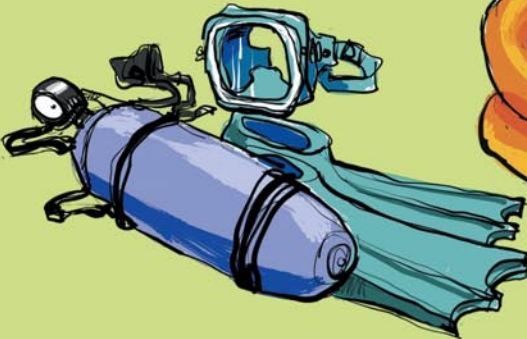


after school,

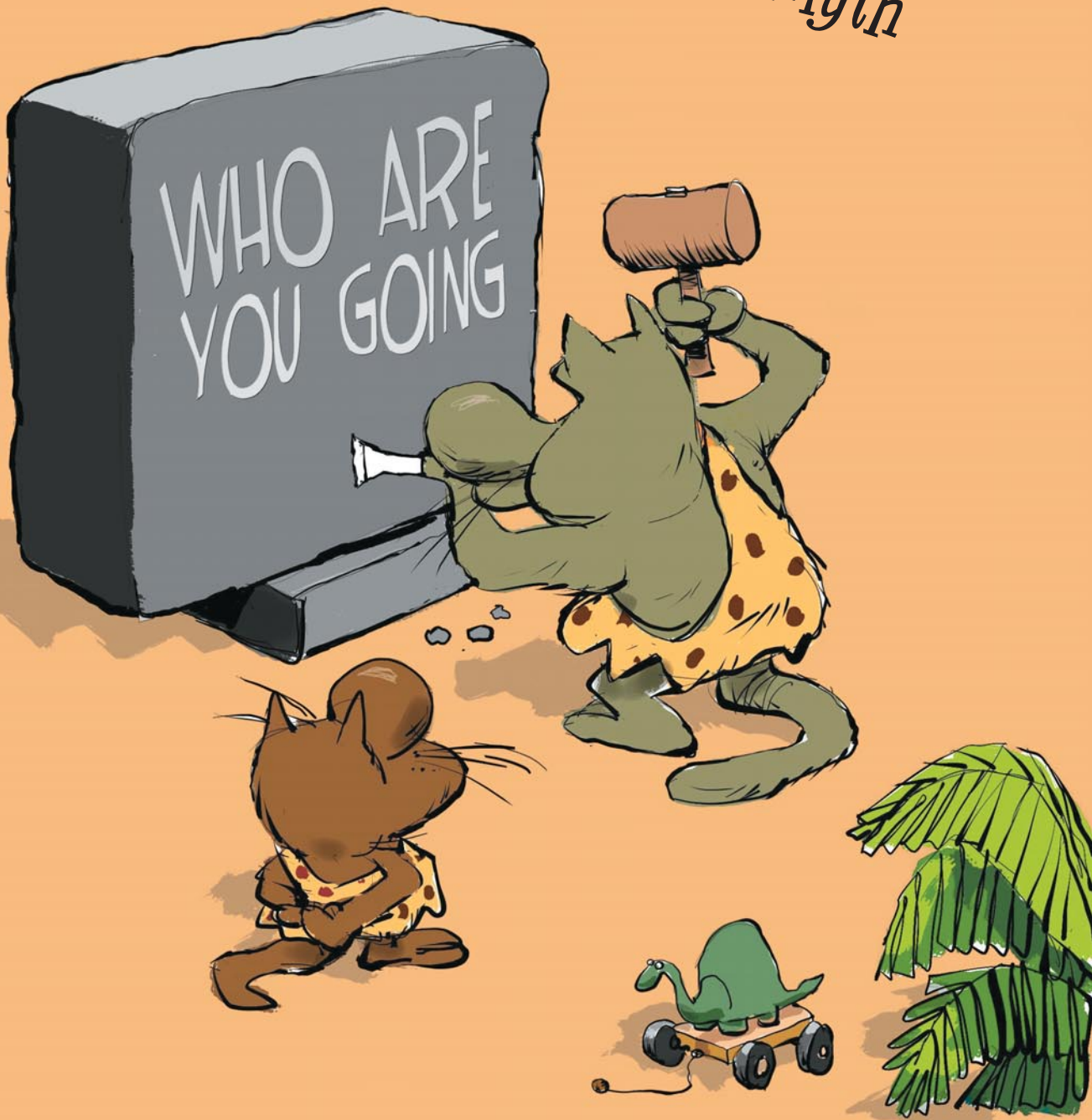




in
between
the pond
and pool.



Ever **since** the olden days,
there's been a silly myth





That
prepositions
aren't correct
to end a sentence **with**.





*But write your sentence carefully,
and you'll discover that*



Ending
with a
preposition

is often where it's *at*.





Prepositions
give
direction





Like, doctors rushed
to Rhonda's Wrecked Shin.





or Charlie danced
the Charleston
over on the green,



Down, beyond,
around the bend,
along the old
ravine.

Across
the way,



toward
Mississippi.



Through
the yard
of Chris, the hippie.

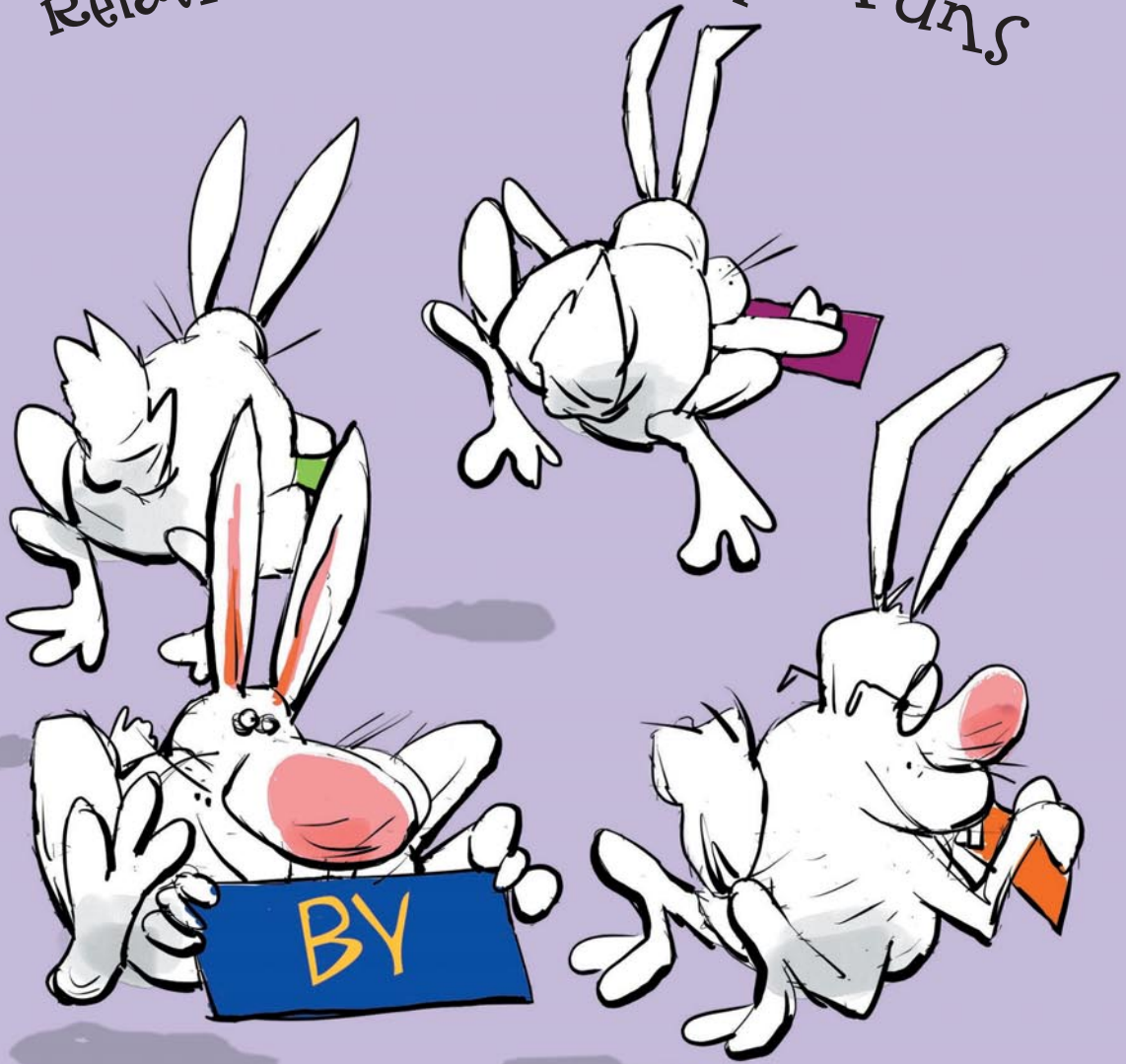
Prepositions do their job



in a way
that just
amazes—



relating nouns and pronouns



to the other words and phrases.

Like, Paul's
from
Pittsburgh,

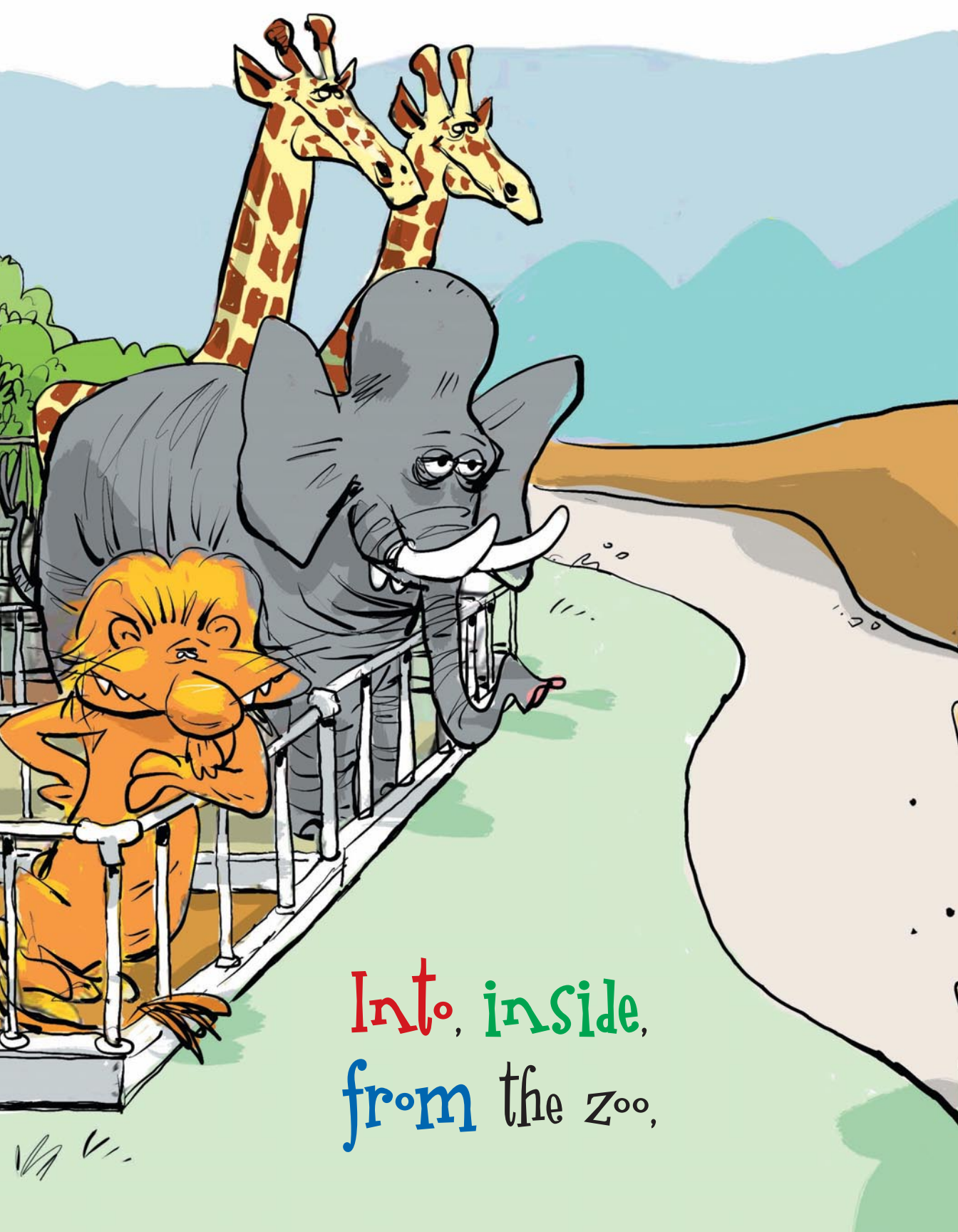


Way up
there,





I hid **beneath**
the old oak chair—



Int. inside,
from the zoo,

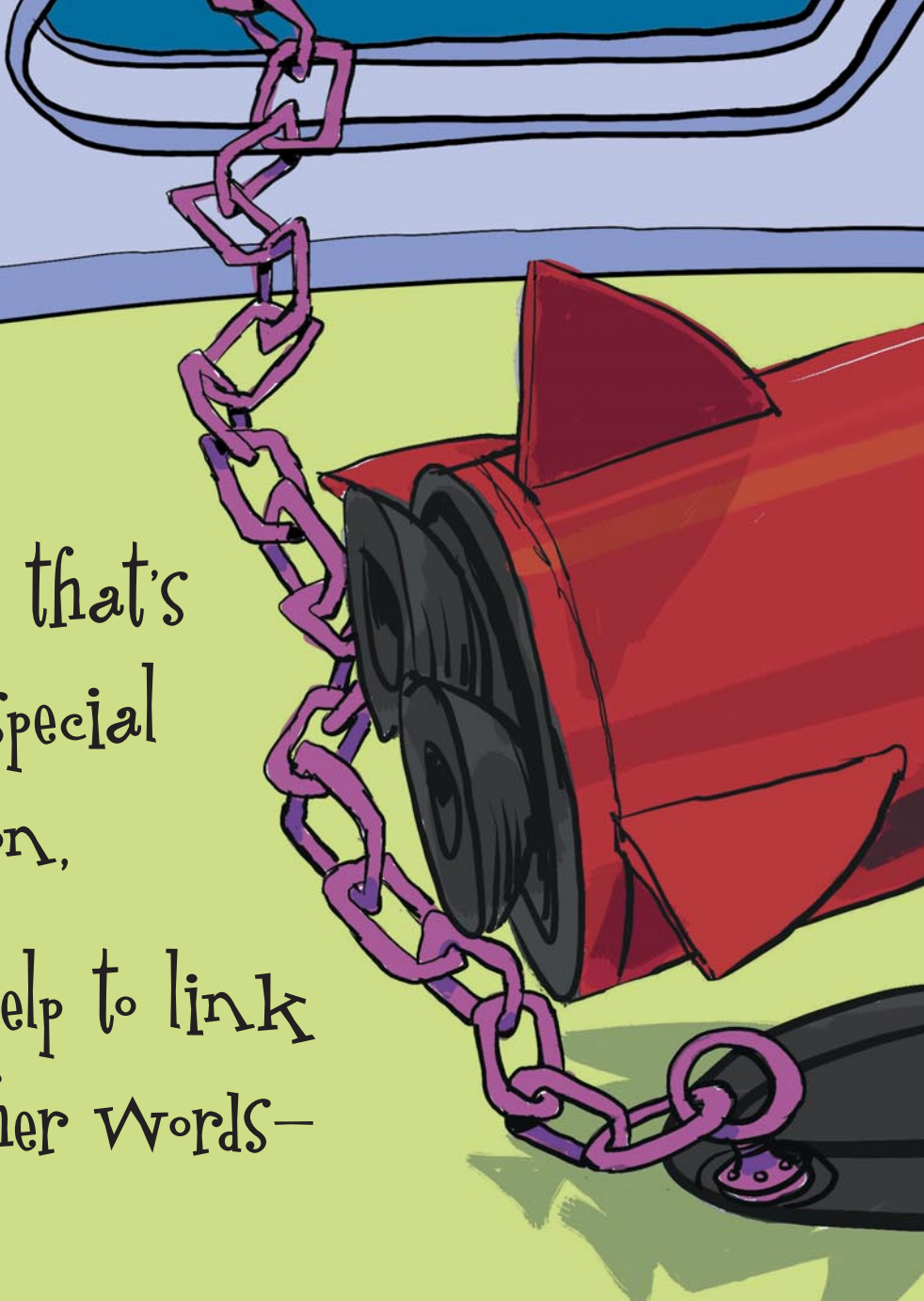


Home **by** way
of Timbuktu.



They tell the
whens, the wheres,
the hows,





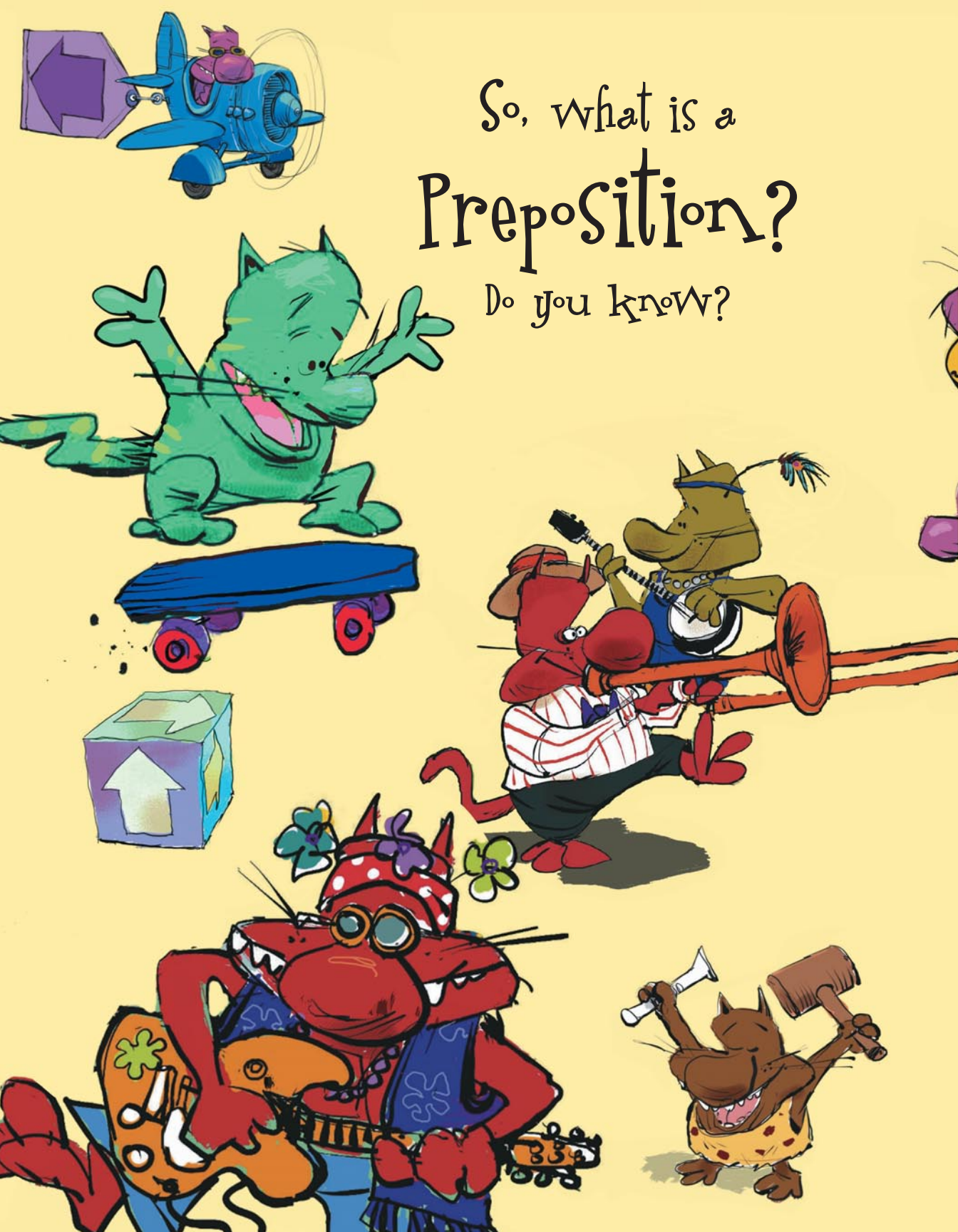
'cause that's
their special
mission,

and help to link
the other words—

That's what's a preposition!

So, what is a
Preposition?

Do you know?





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